

## Irish National Anthem

### **A Soldier's Song**

#### Verse 1

We'll sing a song, a soldier's song  
With cheering, rousing chorus  
As round our blazing fires we throng,  
The starry heavens o'er us;  
Impatient for the coming fight,  
And as we wait the morning's light  
Here in the silence of the night  
We'll chant a soldier's song.

#### Refrain

Soldiers are we,  
Whose lives are pledged to Ireland  
Some have come from a land beyond the wave  
Sworn to be free  
No more our ancient sireland  
Shall shelter the despot or the slave;  
Tonight we man the bearna baoghal  
In Eirin's cause, come woe or weal;  
,Mid cannon's roar and rifle's peal  
We'll chant a soldier's song

#### Verse 2

In valley green or towering crag  
Our fathers fought before us,  
And conquered 'neath the same old flag  
That's proudly floating o'er us,  
We're children of a fighting race  
That never yet has known disgrace,  
And as we march the foe to face,  
We'll chant a soldier's song.

Chorus

Verse 3

Sons of the Gael! Men of the Pale!  
The long watched day is breaking:  
The serried ranks of Innisfail  
Shall set the tyrant quaking,  
Our camp fires now are burning low;  
See in the east a silv`ry glow,  
Out yonder waits the Saxon foe,  
So chant a soldier's song.

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